WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1	1. A method for controlling network access through a
2	remote terminal adapter by a customer, the method
3	comprising:
4	a) initializing an account;
5	b) verifying credit of the customer; and
6.	c) requesting service via the remote terminal
7	adapter if the credit of the customer is approved.
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1	2. The method of claim 1 wherein the act of initializing
2	an account includes
3	i) receiving a connection initiated by the
4	customer;
5	ii) requesting
6	A) a room number associated with the
7	remote terminal,
8	B) an identifier associated with the
9	remote terminal,
10	C) credit information of the customer,
11	and
12	D) service period information desired by
13	the customer,
14	from the customer over the connection; and
15	iii) accepting the requested information from
16	the customer.
1	3. The method of claim 2 wherein the act of initializing
2	an account further includes
3	iv) storing at least some of the requested
4	information accepted in a temporary account
5	database.

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2	remote terminal adapter by a customer, the method
3	comprising:
4	a) initializing an account;
5	b) attempting to verify account information; and
6	c) requesting service via the remote terminal
7	adapter if the account information is verified.
1	5. The method of claim 4 wherein the act of initializing
2	an account includes
3	i) receiving a connection initiated by the
4	customer;
5	ii) requesting
6	A) a room number associated with the
7	remote terminal,
8	B) an identifier associated with the
9	remote terminal,
10	C) credit information of the customer,
11	and
12	D) service period information desired by
13	the customer,
14	from the customer over the connection; and
15	iii) accepting the requested information from
16	the customer.

4. A method for controlling network access through a

The method of claim 5 wherein the act of initializing

an account further includes

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3	iv) storing at least some of the requested
4	information accepted in a temporary account
5	database.
1	7. The method of claim 5 wherein the act of attempting
2	to verify account information includes checking a room
3	number, terminal identifier, and a caller identifier with
1	information in a participant properties database

- 8. A machine-readable medium storing information for verifying service requests for use of a network access terminal accessible to a short-term, transient, customer-base, the information including:
 - a) a first field for storing an identifier associated with the network access terminal;
 - b) a second field for storing information for identifying a property at which the network access terminal is located;
- c) a third field for storing information for identifying a room in which the network access terminal is located.
- 1 9. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the information further includes:
- d) a fourth field for storing outgoing telephone numbers associated with the property identified in the second field.
- 1 10. The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the information further includes:

3	d) a fourth field for storing an address of the
4	network access terminal.
1	11. The machine-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the
2	address is an internet protocol address.
1	12. A method for controlling network access through a
2	remote terminal adapter by a customer, the method
3	comprising:
4	a) requesting order information from the customer;
5	b) accepting the requested order information form
6	the customer;

verifying credit information provided by the

instructing that the remote terminal for network

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instructing that the enablement of the remote 12 terminal be terminated at the expiration of a

service period.

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- The method of claim 12 further comprising: 13.
- 2 billing the customer for use of the remote 3 terminal for network access.
- The method of claim 13 further comprising: 1
- 2 distributing funds to at least one of (a) an 3 owner of the remote terminal, and (b) an owner of a 4 property at which the remote terminal is located.